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## NOTIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Dear Sir:

Although large entity status was proper at the time of national stage filing by virtue of a license granted to a large entity, that license is no longer in effect. The co-owners of the application, Valorisation HSJ, Société en Commandite and Valorisation Recherche, Société en Commandite, are now entitled to small entity status.

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